

6 Types of Socratic Questions

1. **Questions for clarification:**
 1. Why do you say that?
 2. What exactly does this mean?
 3. Can you give me an example?
 4. Can you rephrase that?
 5. Are you saying that.... ?
2. **Questions that probe assumptions:**
 1. How did you choose those assumptions?
 2. How can you verify or disprove that assumption?
 3. Please explain why/how ... ?
 4. What would happen if ... ?
3. **Questions that probe reasons and evidence:**
 1. What would be an example?
 2. How do you know this?
 3. How might it be refuted?
 4. Why?
 5. What evidence is there to support what you are saying?
4. **Questions about Viewpoints and Perspectives:**
 1. What is another way to look at it?
 2. What are the strengths and weaknesses of...?
 3. How are...and ...similar?
 4. What if you compared.... and ?
 5. What is a counterargument for...?
5. **Questions that probe implications and consequences:**
 1. Then what would happen?
 2. What are the consequences of that assumption?
 3. What are you implying?
 4. How does...affect...?
6. **Questions about the question:**
 1. What was the point of this question?
 2. Why do you think I asked this question?
 3. How does...apply to everyday life?